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Shannyn Morse
Committee Assistant, House Judiciary (Room 30)
Office of Legislative Council
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RE: House bill H.820

Dear Shannyn,

I am writing to agree with the Bill H.820 as presented. At Aspire Together we provide confidential peer counseling regarding personal issues that we do not want recorded in any way. On the first visit our clients complete a "Request for Services" that acknowledges that any type of recording is unauthorized. Several times throughout the year we have fake clients that visit our centers. They are treated with the same level of respect and compassion as all of our real clients. We have nothing to hide but we want to make sure that our clients' privacy is protected.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deb Couture Executive Director